

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1047 - HB 1211

April 14, 1999

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires TennCare MCOs to pay a hospital for care when a TennCare eligible person is admitted to a hospital and a delay in medical care would cause substantial, immediate harm to the person. The admission must occur when TennCare eligibility cannot be determined or if the person is approved during or after the hospital admission.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

TennCare MCO's will experience a one-time increase in expenditures for each individual admitted for treatment that is later assigned or chooses that MCO as a provider under TennCare.

Coverage of cost prior to admittance of an individual into an MCO's plan is not now required under TennCare contracts.

Capitation payments will increase as a result of imposing additional financial responsibility on MCO's for medical expenses not currently required under TennCare contracts. The amount of such increase cannot be determined but can be estimated to be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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